SENATE BILL 2697

By Finney R.

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 14, Part 2, relative to the killing of animals.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-205, is amended by deleting subdivision (a)(1) and substituting instead the following:

(1)

- (A) It is an offense to knowingly and unlawfully kill the animal of another without the owner's effective consent.
- (B) A violation of this subdivision is theft of property, graded according to the value of the animal, and punished in accordance with § 39-14-105.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008, the public welfare requiring it.